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1217 MARKET STREET, PHILADELPHIA

Dear Dr.Robinson:

Yours of the 4th with itemized cost of pamphlet received. Expect to meet members of Committee on Monday next in New York and anticipate no trouble in having them authorize treasurer to send mongy needed. Saw Greenway yesterday.He is a member of the Committee and is favorable to pamphlet - very much so.

The only item I don't understand is the one concerning postage. I was under the impression it would be $200. instead of $I50. on the assumption that the postage would be two cents each. Am I to understand that you need $525. inclusive or exclusive of the $50.you generously contribute in addition to your labor? Would like to be sure of the exact amount before the Committee authorizes payment.

Saw Alexander and Laird yesterday. Encouraging report from Alexander.Am beginning to feel that we will win.Am sure your pamphlet will be a large factor if such proves to be the case.

Cordially yours

Feb.7,I928

Samuel G. Craig

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73 Stockton Street
Princeton,N.J.

Dear Dr.Robinson:

Your saying yesterday that it was still possible to make changes in your pamphlet,with the implication that suggestions would still be welcomed,led me to re-read it carefully this morning and to indicate some alterations which it seems to me might improve it. There are of course only suggestions,given for what they may be worth.As you promised to send me some more copies I thought it would save time for us both for me to write my suggestions on the margin of the pamphlet I have. I want to add that my re-consideration of the pamphlet has added to my estimate of its value and strengthened me in my conviction that it should be broad-casted. I hope you will be able to read my writing.

My understanding was that you would proceed at once to have I0000 of the pamphlets printed.If convenient it might be well to have the type held in case others should be wanted. Was it your thought to send them out as soon as possible?

Sincerely yours

Samuel G. Craig

Jan 26,I928

M. LINN BRUCE
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Nov. 28, 1927.

Rev. W. Courtland Robinson, D. D.

Delhi, New York.

My dear Dr. Robinson:

I have your letter of the 23rd inst. relative to my suggested plan for a Commission of Appeals of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

I note that you say that you do not see how under this plan such action as that of Dr. Eagleson at San Francisco to which Dr. Speer and I took exception would be avoided.

There was no objection on the part of Dr. Speer in the Assembly to Dr. Eagleson's reading his dissenting opinion and so far as I was concerned I was the one who permitted him to read it. I was severely censured by my associates on the Commission for this upon the ground that Dr. Eagleson had not only failed to submit his dissenting opinion to the Commission but that he had distinctly stated to the Commission at its final meeting that he did not intend to write a dissenting opinion. There was no objection to his filing and reading a dissenting opinion. A member of any court has a right to do this. But his neglect to file it with the Commission or read it to them enabled him to mislead the Assembly by incorporating in his opinion allegations of the complaint and statements of counsel which were not found by the Commission or supported by any evidence whatsoever.

Under my suggested plan there would be no review by the Assembly of any decision of the Commission of Appeals unless the decision involved "a doctrine or the Constitution of the Church" and in such an event it would require a majority of all the Commissioners elected to the Assembly to carry a motion for such a review. Upon such a review by the Assembly questions of law only would be reviewable, since all questions of fact would have to be accepted as found by the Commission.

Further the rules of procedure, to be made by the Commission, would doubtless provide that all opinions must be filed with the Clerk of the Commission and read to the Commission.

There is rarely an appeal which "involves a doctrine or the Constitution of the Church". But I think there should be a provision for review of such a decision since the doctrines of the Church and the Constitution should be finally construed by the Assembly.

Cordially yours,

W. Plumer Bruce

M. LINN BRUCE
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November 22nd, 1927.

Dr. J. Cortland Robinson,

Delhi, New York.

My dear Doctor:-

I have re-drafted my proposed act creating a Commission of Appeals - and enclose a copy. The changes made seem to me desirable.

I am sending a copy to Doctor Mudge and Doctor Speer for their consideration.

Cordially,

M. Linn Bruce

There shall be a Commission of Appeals of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America consisting of nine members, five of whom shall be ministers and four ruling elders. No person shall be a Commissioner who shall not have attained the age of thirty-five years and who shall not have been continuously for ten years preceding his appointment a member of, or an ordained minister in, the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America.

Five members of the Commission shall form a quorum and the concurrence of five shall be necessary to a decision. The Commission shall elect one of their members Moderator. The Stated Clerk of the General Assembly shall be the clerk of the Commission and shall have power to provide any necessary attendants.

Members of the Commission shall be appointed by the Moderator of the General Assembly, by and with the consent of the General Assembly and shall hold office for six years. The Moderator of the General Assembly of the Session of 192 shall appoint, by and with the consent of the General Assembly, two members of the Commission for one year, two members for two years, two members for three years, one member for four years, one member for five years and one member for six years. When a vacancy shall occur in the membership of the Commission, it shall be filled for a full term.

No member of the Commission shall be eligible for reappointments until six years have elapsed and no member of the Commission during his term shall hold any other office in the Presbyterian Church of the United States of America and any votes cast for or appointment to any other office during his term as such Commissioner shall be null and void.

The Commission shall have sole jurisdiction to

review and may affirm, reverse, modify or order a new trial or a rehearing of any determination made by an inferior judicatory and of any complaint against an inferior judicatory and to direct the final judgment in any matter or proceeding reviewed by it. No member of the Commission shall sit in the Commission in review of a decision made by a judicatory of which he was at the time a sitting member. The Commission shall have power to make rules of practice and procedure applicable to the Commission and to appoint times and places of the meetings of the Commission. The rules of practice and of procedure now applicable to the Permanent Judicial Commission, not inconsistent with these provisions, shall remain in force until modified or repealed by the Commission of Appeals. The Commission shall consider and report its opinion or hear and determine questions or matters of a judicial nature which the General Assembly may refer to it.

No appeal or review of a determination of the Commission of Appeals shall be had, excepting that a decision or determination of the Commission which affects or involves a doctrine or the constitution of the Church may be reviewed and affirmed, modified or reversed by the General Assembly, held during the year or the year following that in which such decision was made and filed, upon the vote of a majority of all the Commissioners elected to the said General Assembly. Upon such review, a finding of fact made by the Commission shall not be reviewed by the General Assembly.

Members of the Commission may be removed by a two-thirds vote of the Commissioners elected to the General Assembly but no member of the Commission shall be removed except for cause which shall be entered on the journal, and unless he shall have been served with a statement of the cause alleged and shall have had an opportunity to be heard.

On question of removal, the yeas and nays shall be entered in the journal.

Members of the Commission shall receive no compensation for their services, their necessary traveling expenses shall be audited and paid by the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly and all other expenses necessary to the proper work of the Commission.

The Permanent Judicial Commission is hereby abolished. All powers of the Permanent Judicial Commission are conferred upon and shall be exercised by the Commission of Appeals so far as the same are not inconsistent with the foregoing provisions.

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Dear Doctor Robinson:- I want to apologize for inviting you to come to us and then asking another to come the same date. Mr Fraser has writen me he h s arranged to take your place. I felt certain your interest in our church and in Mr Fraser would help to cover the discourtesy.
The 17th of this month the general church canvass of the city by all the churches in harmony will start. If possible we wanted someone who could supervise the work. A year ago Dr Russell took all charge of that and now there is noone to look after our interests.
From your letter we felt that Mr Fraser was just the one to give a helping hand and we wanted him at once.
Dr Russell is still in the hospital. The wound made two weeks ago is open waiting for him to get strong enough to have the operation completed. He was six days regaining a knowledge of his surroundings after the operation. When he can have the second is as yet uncertain.
Not a bright outlook.
Our church is without a shepharo and we feel lost.

Very sincerely yours.

A.H. Brownell

To Dr W.C.Robinson
Delhi N.Y.

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September 20 1927

Dr W.C.Robinson,

Delhi N.Y.

Dear Doctor:- I thank you for your letter just received.

We will depend on you for the morning service on October 9th.

10.30 is the hour. No evening service.

The reports from Dr Russell are not at all favorable. It does not seem possible that he can ever preach again.Very doubtful if he is able to return to his home from the hospital.

Before very long we must seek another pastor.Keep us in mind and if you know of one fitted to our needs let us know.

Sincerely yours.

A S H Brownell

Oneonta N. Y.
July 10, 1927

Dear Dr. Robinson.

Several times I have said "Now I will write a little note to Dr." and You know far I have gotten. Now here goes for sure.

I was offul sorry not to have seen You befor I left, but I had so short a notice myself I had no time to say a word to anyone. Really that is just the way I hoped it would be finally. You know how it is when You have those things to think over some time after the time actually

arrives.

Well Dr. I am very well satisfied with my change. Conditions are very favorable and last now the future apparently is fine. Of course nothing is definite and my hopes are only in my mind. I always remember the old saying a "Bird in the hand is worth two in the Bush" so I'm out hunting and hope to catch the Bird.

Up to date I have visited three churches. The United Presbyterian, First Presbyterian & Rev. Losch's Baptist church. I like the United Best, Next the Baptist. The only tie I have with the Baptist is the Pastor I knew him well when he was in Delhi. a very Bright likeable Chap.

Say Dr. When You chastise Your Good people about Not attending church You ought to have a church here. Last Sunday they had a Union service at Dr. Newell's church and We have Nearly, and I don't know but Just as many, out to our Sunday Evening service as they had out for the City of Oneonta. I am astonished, and some the pastors here when I tell them what we are doing. Really I don't wonder that our town people say that Delhi is a church going Village.

I sincerely hope Things in every way are moving in the same good way that they were when I was there. Tell George my heart & prayers are with the School even though a few miles separate us.

When You have an inquiry from any of My good friends in regard to Me, Tell them I never was more happy and better situated than I am Now. I like my work Wonderfully as I have a splendid Mgr. to work under and fine Chaps to work with. A good home & fine things to Eat. Do what More can You ask for?

Give my best to Mgr. Robinson and Incidentally one to Yourself. My address is "2 West Court, Oneonta" that's a hint.

Sincerely Harold.

Andes,
New York
October 8-1927.

Dear Doctor Robinson,

The entire family wish to express their sincere thanks to you for coming to Andes and giving us such words of hope and sympathy to comfort our hearts at this time of sorrow-

Sincerely—

Marguerite Bruce Brooks.

Dear Dr. [illegible]:

Thank you so much for your letter relative to [illegible] Jr. I passed it on

to my husband. It has however been so busy bringing friends that the matters of that Committee have not received much attention.

It seems as though every one were dying!

It was a compensation to have a visit with you at the McChesneys. I suppose life has its compensations - if we look long + hard enough to find them!

Mr C. A. Reen & Mr
Carleton Chase died
this last week -
More power to those
of us who are
left!

Sincerely & very
gratefully
Grace Bird
November 21st 1927.

M. LINN BRUCE
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NEW YORK

November 11th, 1927.

Rev. J. Cortland Robinson, D.D.,

Delhi, N. Y.

My dear Dr. Robinson:-

I have been trying my hand at some desirable ecclesiastical legislation and enclose it for your perusal.

You will note that the power to review of the new Commission is limited to appeals and complaints against Synods. I believe that all appeals or complaints against presbyteries, etc., should be first made to the Synod.

I would like to discuss your proposals and the enclosed with you at some convenient time.

Cordially yours,

M. Linn Bruce